

Summary

The proposed changes are being made to comply with recommendations by AOSCA (Association of Official Seed Certifying Agencies) after an audit of our standards was conducted last winter. The following is a substantive summary of the proposed amendments / additions to the Seed Certification Regulations:

AOSCA maintains standards (maximum & minimum requirements) for certification of varieties of vegetatively propagated turfgrasses. The proposed regulation will add standards to the regulations in Circular 15: Standards for Seed Certification in Arkansas that comply with the standards maintained by AOSCA. The standards require isolation distances, land requirements and three inspections during the growing season to determine varietal purity. After standards are met, the turfgrass can be sold as a class of certified turfgrass sod with a Certified Turfgrass Certificate. Many new turfgrass varieties are being patented and license agreements require them to be sold only as a class of Certified Turfgrass.